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By ECF

Hon. Sterling Johnson, Jr.
United States District Judge
U.S. Courthouse
225 Cadman Plaza East
Brooklyn, NY 11201

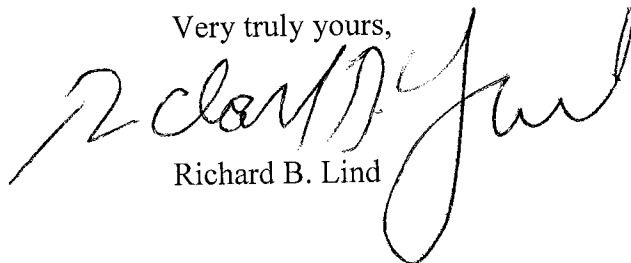
Re: United States v. Pantoliano
10 CR 68 (SJ)

Dear Judge Johnson:

I am the CJA attorney for defendant Pantoliano in the above-referenced case. His sentencing is scheduled for October 28, 2011. In light of defendant's recent letter falsely criticizing me, I believe there now exists a conflict between us that prevents me from representing defendant at sentencing. Accordingly, I request a conference the week of October 17, 2011 to consider this issue.

Thank you for the Court's consideration of this letter.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Richard B. Lind', written in a cursive style.

Richard B. Lind

cc: AUSA Celia Cohen (by ECF)